

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 12-20 are pending in the present application, with independent claims 1, 12, and 17, and dependent claim 2 being amended in this reply.

With regard to the objections of Fig. 3, it is noted that in the previous response submitted (see Amendment dated November 18, 2002), the references in the specification on page 13 lines 3-10 have been amended to delete reference numeral "300." Further, regarding the objection with respect to the reference numeral "322" not referred to in the specification, it is noted that page 12, line 18 refers to "322" of Fig. 3. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that all objections to the drawing be withdrawn.

Also in the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 were objected to for reciting "table recovery" instead of "database table recovery." Claims 1 and 2 are now amended to recite "database table" as suggested in the Office Action.

Claims 1-6 and 12-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,721,915 ("Socket et al.").

During the personal interview conducted on May 21, 2003 between Examiner Ella Colbert of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and Eunhee Park, applicant's representative, an agreement was reached with respect to allowable features of

claims 1-6 and 12-20 as presented to the Examiner, pending final approval of the Primary Examiner. This reply formally presents the amended claims 1, 2, 12, and 17 accordingly.

During the personal interview, it was discussed that Socket et al. discloses reorganizing the table space by copying table space in use to a new area and applying logs to the newly copied table space. The cited sections describe in detail manipulating RIDs to be able to reorganize the tablespace in a new area. It was discussed that Socket et al. does not disclose, suggest, or teach to recover a database table without recovering the tablespace itself. In contrast, Socket et al. teaches to modify the tablespace in order to reorganize it. Indeed, not recovering the tablespace would destroy the intended purpose of Socket et al., which is to create a new reorganized tablespace.

Also according to the Examiner's request, a new reference, U.S. Patent No. 5,043,871 ("Nishigaki et al."), presented during the personal interview has been studied and considered by applicant's representative. Specifically, that reference describes updating or recovering a database, using a shadow page method or a failure recovery method by a database update journal. Nishigaki et al., however, does not disclose, suggest, or teach recovering a database table without recovering the tablespace as claimed in independent claims 1, 12, and 17.

This communication is believed to be fully responsive to

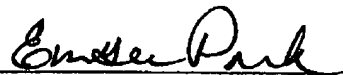
the Office Action and every effort has been made to place the application in condition for allowance. No new issues are being presented in this amendment. Specifically, the phrase "without modifying the configuration of the tablespace" is being amended to "without recovering the tablespace" to more clearly recite what is being claimed. This recitation does not add any further limitation to the claims or introduce any new issues.

Accordingly, a favorable Office Action is hereby earnestly solicited.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Examiner is requested to telephone the number provided below.

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